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Office of Information and Privacy

Mr. Shawn Musgrave
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P.O. Box 55819
Boston, MA 02205-5819

Dear Mr. Musgrave:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated July 29, 2012 for records on the following:

1. Any proposals or contracts for the purchase and use of UAVs, UAs, and UASs,
2. Any policies, guidelines or manuals on the use of drones,
3. Any departmental records concerning the departments use of drones now or future,
4. Any information on types of investigations the department will use drones,
5. Any policies, guidelines, manuals, or instructions on the storage requirements for drones,
6. Records on the altitude at which drones fly; and,
7. Records on the drone's ability to carry weapons.

Your request was received by Headquarters Air Force and referred to the Air National Guard FOIA Requestor Service Center on October 1, 2012 and assigned case #2013-00198-F.

Your request is in the complex queue for processing as it involves records that are at a separate location. This request is currently at position #82 in our queue for processing with a preliminary estimated completion date of February 28, 2013; however, we will make every effort to provide the responsive records as soon as possible.

In your request, you asked that we waive applicable fees for processing. Fee waivers may be granted when the disclosure of the information is in the public interest because it is likely to contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the Government, and when disclosure of the information is not primarily in the commercial interest of the requester.

Based on the information you provided in your request, we are unable to grant a fee waiver for the records you are seeking as the information requested will not contribute significantly to the public's understanding of the operations or activities of the Air National Guard. However, as a requestor in the "media" category, you are only responsible for reproduction fees after the first 100 pages of reprographics. If fees will exceed the allotted amount for media requestors, we will contact you before proceeding.

If you consider our denial of a fee waiver processing to be an adverse action, you may appeal this determination to the Secretary of the Air Force within 60 days from the date of this letter. Your appeal should include a copy of your original request and this response, as well as a discussion of the reasons supporting your appeal. The envelope should be plainly marked to indicate that it contains a Freedom of Information Act appeal. If you decide to appeal, please send your appeal to:

Office of Information and Privacy (NGB/JA-OIP)
111 South George Mason Drive, AH2
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If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact my office at (571) 256-7838 or by e-mail FOIA@ng.army.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Nikolaisen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Nikolaisen
Chief, Office of Information and Privacy
Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Officer
National Guard Bureau